

REMARKS

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,318,588 (Horzewski) in view of U.S. Patent No. 702,789 (Gibson) and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 2,201,749 (Vandegrift). Claim 1 has been canceled without acquiescence to the basis of the rejections set forth in the Office Action, thereby rendering the claim rejections moot.

II. New claims 15-34

Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 15-34 are patentable over the cited references of record for at least the reason that none of the cited references, either alone or in combination, discloses the subject matter of these claims.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, all claims are believed allowable. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

To the extent that any arguments and disclaimers were presented to distinguish prior art, or for other reasons substantially related to patentability, during the prosecution of any and all parent and related application(s)/patent(s), Applicant(s) hereby explicitly retracts and rescinds any and all such arguments and disclaimers, and respectfully requests that the Examiner re-visit the prior art that such arguments and disclaimers were made to avoid.

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